

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claims 1 - 31. (Canceled)

Claim 32. (Currently Amended) An image information processing apparatus connected with an external information processing apparatus and a peripheral apparatus via a network, comprising:

obtaining means for obtaining a ~~device~~ scanner driver and a printer driver; ~~which controls the peripheral device~~, delivered from the external information processing apparatus; ~~wherein the device driver is obtained from the external information processing apparatus~~;

executing means for executing a scanning process using the ~~device~~ scanner driver to obtain data; and

transmitting means for transmitting the data obtained by the scanning process, wherein said transmitting means is executed by the printer driver to cause a print service in the peripheral device to print the data obtained by the scanning process, and wherein the print service is called remotely using a remote procedure call implemented in the printer driver.

Claim 33. (Currently Amended) An image information processing apparatus according to claim 32, further comprising driving means for, after obtaining the device scanner driver and the printer driver, executing the device scanner driver and the printer driver in response to completion of preparation of the device scanner driver and the printer driver to drive the peripheral device.

Claims 34 and 35. (Canceled)

Claim 36. (Currently Amended) An image information processing apparatus according to claim 32, wherein said obtaining means remotely calls a reception program for receiving the device scanner driver and the printer driver in the external information processing apparatus via a remote procedure call.

Claim 37. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an image information processing apparatus connected with an external information processing apparatus and a peripheral apparatus via a network, comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining a device scanner driver and a printer driver, ~~which controls the peripheral device~~, delivered from the external information processing apparatus; ~~wherein the device driver is obtained from the external information processing apparatus~~;

an executing step of executing a scanning process using the device scanner driver to obtain data; and

a transmitting step of transmitting the data obtained by the scanning process,  
wherein said transmitting step is executed by the printer driver to cause a print  
service in the peripheral device to print the data obtained by the scanning process, and  
wherein the print service is called remotely using a remote procedure call  
implemented in the printer driver.

Claim 38. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 37, further comprising a driving step of, after obtaining the ~~device~~ scanner driver and the printer driver, executing the ~~device~~ scanner driver and the printer driver in response to completion of preparation of the ~~device~~ scanner driver and the printer driver to drive the peripheral device.

Claims 39 and 40. (Canceled)

Claim 41. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 37, wherein said obtaining step includes remotely calling a reception program for receiving the ~~device~~ scanner driver and the printer driver in the external information processing apparatus via a remote procedure call.

Claim 42. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program for implementing a method of controlling an image information processing apparatus connected with an external information processing apparatus and a peripheral apparatus via a network, wherein the computer program

includes:

procedure code for an obtaining step of obtaining a ~~device scanner driver and a printer driver~~, which controls the peripheral device, delivered from the external information processing apparatus wherein the device driver is obtained from the external information processing apparatus;

procedure code for an executing step of executing a scanning process using the ~~device scanner driver~~ to obtain data; and

procedure code for a transmitting step of transmitting the data obtained by the scanning process,

wherein said transmitting step is executed by the printer driver to cause a print service in the peripheral device to print the data obtained by the scanning process, and

wherein the print service is called remotely using a remote procedure call implemented in the printer driver.

Claim 43. (Currently Amended) A computer program product according to claim 42, wherein the computer program further includes procedure code for a driving step of, after obtaining the ~~device scanner driver and the printer driver~~, executing the ~~device scanner driver and the printer driver~~ in response to completion of preparation of the ~~device scanner driver and the printer driver~~ to drive the peripheral device.

Claims 44 and 45. (Canceled)

Claim 46. (Currently Amended) A computer program product according to claim 42, wherein the obtaining step includes remotely calling a reception program for receiving the ~~device~~ scanner driver and the printer driver in the external information processing apparatus via a remote procedure call.

Claim 47. (Currently Amended) A network system comprising a peripheral device, ~~a first~~ an information processing apparatus storing a ~~device~~ scanner driver and a printer driver for driving the peripheral device, and ~~a second~~ an image information processing apparatus,

wherein said ~~first~~ information processing apparatus includes:

transfer means for transferring the ~~device~~ scanner driver and the printer driver from said ~~first~~ information processing apparatus without receiving a request for obtaining the ~~device~~ scanner driver and the printer driver from said ~~second information~~ image processing apparatus,

wherein said ~~second information~~ image processing apparatus includes:

obtaining means for obtaining, from said ~~first~~ information processing apparatus, the ~~device~~ scanner driver and the printer driver ~~transferred from said first information processing apparatus;~~

executing means for executing a scanning process using the ~~device~~ scanner driver to obtain data; and

transmitting means for transmitting the data obtained by the scanning process,

wherein said transmitting means is executed by the printer driver to cause a print service in the peripheral device to print the data obtained by the scanning process, and

wherein the print service is called remotely using a remote procedure call  
implemented in the printer driver.

Claims 48 - 55. (Canceled)